

REMARKS

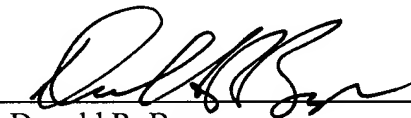
The present response is to the action mailed in the above-referenced case on December 15, 2003. In the action claims 1-21 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double-patenting over a copending application S/N 09/803,496.

In response the applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer donating the terminal portion of any US patent to issue from the present application beyond the term of any US patent to issue from the copending application.

As the double-patenting rejection is the only rejection in the case, the applicant urges that the case be allowed and passed quickly to issue.

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